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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add the following on page 9, between lines 12 and 13:

-- In one embodiment, CPO management central server 200 is configured as a web server, and conventional communications software such as the Netscape Navigator web browser may be used to transmit a CPO. In one embodiment, the CPO management central server 200 has a web page on the world wide web, allowing the buyer to provide information